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May 15, 2019
Via Overnight Delivery

Ms. Jocelyn Boyd, Chief Clerk
South Carolina Public Service Commission
101 Executive Center Dr.
Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

RE: Birch Communications, LLC
Replacement Bond

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and two (2) copies of a replacement Bond in the amount of \$100,000.00, Bond No. issued by Atlantic Specialty Insurance Company and submitted on behalf of Birch Communications, LLC ("Company"). This Bond carries an effective date of May 8, 2019 and replaces the Company's bond currently on file with the Commission.

Please acknowledge receipt of this filing by date-stamping the extra copy of this cover letter and returning it to me in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided for that purpose.

Any questions you may have regarding this filing should be directed to my attention at 407-740-3006 or via email croesel@inteserra.com. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Carey Roesel
Consultant

cc: Executive Director, SC Public Service Commission
tms: SCx1902

Enclosures
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PERFORMANCE BOND

Bond No. _____

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that we, Birch Communications, LLC, as Principal, and Atlantic Specialty Insurance Company, incorporated under the laws of State of New York with principal offices in New York , as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the State of South Carolina, Public Service Commission, as Obligee, in the penal sum of **One Hundred Thousand and No/100 (\$100,000.00)** Dollars, lawful money of the United States, for which payment, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly, by these presents.

WHEREAS the above bounden Principal is required by South Carolina Code Ann. Reg. 103-607 to file with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina a bond conditioned as hereinafter set forth:

This obligation requires Birch Communications, LLC to reimburse its customers payment for services not rendered if the Public Service Commission of South Carolina determines that Birch Communications, LLC has failed to comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Atlantic Specialty Insurance Company will make such payments to customers of Birch Communications, LLC in the aggregate, up to the amount of **One Hundred Thousand and No/100 (\$100,000.00)** Dollars, as directed by the Public Service Commission of South Carolina.

Provided that, regardless of the number of years this bond shall continue or be continued in force, and of the number of premiums that shall be payable or paid, the Surety shall not be liable hereunder for a larger amount, in the aggregate, than the amount of this bond and,

Provided further, that this continuous bond may be cancelled by the Surety as to subsequent liability by giving thirty (30) days notice in writing to said Obligee.

Signed, sealed, and dated the 8th day of May, 2019

Birch Communications, LLC
Principal

By: _____

Atlantic Specialty Insurance Company
Surety

By: _____

Justin J. Silva, Attorney-In-Fact



Power of Attorney

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that ATLANTIC SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, a New York corporation with its principal office in Plymouth, Minnesota, does hereby constitute and appoint: **Ashlei M Brock, Jerome Petrizzi, Justin J Silva**, each individually if there be more than one named, its true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver, for and on its behalf as surety, any and all bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and all other writings obligatory in the nature thereof; provided that no bond or undertaking executed under this authority shall exceed in amount the sum of: **sixty million dollars (\$60,000,000)** and the execution of such bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and all other writings obligatory in the nature thereof in pursuance of these presents, shall be as binding upon said Company as if they had been fully signed by an authorized officer of the Company and sealed with the Company seal. This Power of Attorney is made and executed by authority of the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of ATLANTIC SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY on the twenty-fifth day of September, 2012:

Resolved: That the President, any Senior Vice President or Vice-President (each an "Authorized Officer") may execute for and in behalf of the Company any and all bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and all other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and affix the seal of the Company thereto; and that the Authorized Officer may appoint and authorize an Attorney-in-Fact to execute on behalf of the Company any and all such instruments and to affix the Company seal thereto; and that the Authorized Officer may at any time remove any such Attorney-in-Fact and revoke all power and authority given to any such Attorney-in-Fact.

Resolved: That the Attorney-in-Fact may be given full power and authority to execute for and in the name and on behalf of the Company any and all bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and all other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such instrument executed by any such Attorney-in-Fact shall be as binding upon the Company as if signed and sealed by an Authorized Officer and, further, the Attorney-in-Fact is hereby authorized to verify any affidavit required to be attached to bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and all other writings obligatory in the nature thereof.

This power of attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of ATLANTIC SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY on the twenty-fifth day of September, 2012:

Resolved: That the signature of an Authorized Officer, the signature of the Secretary or the Assistant Secretary, and the Company seal may be affixed by facsimile to any power of attorney or to any certificate relating thereto appointing an Attorney-in-Fact for purposes only of executing and sealing any bond, undertaking, recognizance or other written obligation in the nature thereof, and any such signature and seal where so used, being hereby adopted by the Company as the original signature of such officer and the original seal of the Company, to be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ATLANTIC SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed by an Authorized Officer and the seal of the Company to be affixed this eighth day of December, 2014.

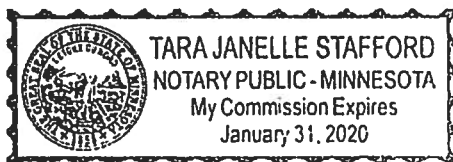
STATE OF MINNESOTA
HENNEPIN COUNTY



By


Paul J. Brehm, Senior Vice President

On this eighth day of December, 2014, before me personally came Paul J. Brehm, Senior Vice President of ATLANTIC SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, to me personally known to be the individual and officer described in and who executed the preceding instrument, and he acknowledged the execution of the same, and being by me duly sworn, that he is the said officer of the Company aforesaid, and that the seal affixed to the preceding instrument is the seal of said Company and that the said seal and the signature as such officer was duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority and at the direction of the Company.





Notary Public

I, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of ATLANTIC SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, a New York Corporation, do hereby certify that the foregoing power of attorney is in full force and has not been revoked, and the resolutions set forth above are now in force.

Signed and sealed. Dated 8th day of May, 2019

This Power of Attorney expires
October 1, 2019





James G. Jordan, Assistant Secretary